

NIH POLICY MANUAL

55004 - ACTIVATION OR EFFECTIVE DATES OF NIH ASSISTANCE AWARDS

(GRANTS, COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS & FELLOWSHIPS)

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A. Purpose:

This issuance states the policy covering the activation or effective dates for all assistance awards made by the NIH.

B. Background:

Periodically questions arise concerning the propriety of terms and conditions affecting the activation or effective dates of assistance awards. The questions have usually arisen in connection with the time limitations of the use of fiscal year appropriations and the desirability of issuing awards in advance of the scheduled beginning date.

C. Applicability:

All NIH grants, cooperative agreements and fellowships.

D. References:

1. NIH Manual Chapter [4700](#), Notice of Grant Award
2. NIH Manual Chapter [4809](#), Duration of Recommended Grant Support
3. NIH Manual Chapter [4810](#), National Research Service Awards
4. NIH Manual Chapter [5003](#), Issuance and Recording of Grant Award Obligations

E. Policy:

1. All NIH assistance awards shall be obligated and notices of award issued within the fiscal year for which the funds were appropriated. The date specified as the beginning date of the grant must also be within the same fiscal year. Fellowships normally must have an activation date within a 6-month period following the date of award issue.
2. The date of issue of all awards should be as soon as possible after the funding decision has been made and in all cases prior to the beginning date of the budget period.

F. Effective Date:

This policy is effective on date of release..

G. Additional Information:

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